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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 60/254,535.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to application filed 12/21/2001.
2. Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 13, 21, 26 and 29 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 1, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Billheimer et al. US Patent No. 6,611,825 B1 - filed 06/09/1999 (hereinafter '825).**

In regard to independent claim 1, “*creating a weighted document term-frequency vector for said document ...*”, as taught by '825 at col. 6, lines 10-25 (i.e.... information retrieval can be performed upon user request. Information retrieval is performed by constructing a term frequency query vector ... determining similarity by measuring the distance between the query and the documents, and returning ranked matching documents ...),

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"for each sentence in said document, creating a weighted sentence term-frequency vector", as taught by '825 at col. 6, lines 20-35 (i.e.... The term frequency vector is constructed by tokenizing using the same policy as was used for the original document collection, performing any optional functions using the same policy as was used for the original document collection, and identifying the terms in the original term frequency matrix representing the original document collection document cross-referencing can be performed by segmenting the documents of the document collection into a plurality of suitably sized units, constructing a subspace representation for the units from all or a subset of the documents, projecting all the units into that subspace, determining similarity by measuring the distance between the projections of the units from one or more documents and the projections of the units in one or more target documents, and returning ranked matching units as potential cross-reference sections ...). Examiner reads segmenting the documents of the document collection into a plurality of suitably sized units, and determining similarity by measuring, which [REDACTED] is interpreted as the claimed *"each sentence in said document, creating a weighted..."*.

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"computing a score for each said weighted sentence term-frequency vector in accordance with relevance to said weighted document term-frequency vector", as taught by '825 at col. 17, lines 25-35 (i.e.... FIG. 15 is a pictorial representation of a term frequency matrix ... to the right of the table is the query vector. At the bottom of each column is the score for the query vector...),

"selecting a sentence for inclusion in said generic text summary in accordance with said computing", as taught by '825 at col. 5, lines 45-55 (i.e.... document

summarization can be performed for an individual document, i.e., a few words or terms summarizing the contents of a document or indicating its topical affiliations, can be provided by: projecting the document into a subspace; projecting the document projection back into a term space; identifying a plurality of terms with the largest entries; and returning the identified terms as the document summarization...).

In regard to independent claim 9, is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claim 1 and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 2-8, 10-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Billheimer et al. US Patent No. 6,611,825 B1 - filed 06/09/1999 (hereinafter '825), in view of Herz US Patent No. 6,029,195 - filed 12/05/1997 (hereinafter '195).**

In regard to dependent claim 2, "*creating a weighted document term-frequency vector for said document ...*", as taught by '825 at col. 6, lines 10-25 (i.e.... information retrieval can be performed upon user request. Information retrieval is performed by

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constructing a term frequency query vector ... determining similarity by measuring the distance between the query and the documents, and returning ranked matching documents...).

'825 does not explicitly teach, "*recreating said weighted document term-frequency vector in accordance with said deleting and said eliminating; and selectively repeating said computing, said selecting, said deleting, said eliminating, and said recreating*", however, as taught by '195 at col. 13, lines 40-67 (i.e.... textual and associative attributes ... for information retrieval purposes they can be decomposed into smaller, simpler numeric attributes... In particular, a textual attribute, such as the full text of a movie review, can be replaced by a collection of numeric attributes that represent scores to denote the presence and significance of the words ... score is often called the "term frequency" (TF) of the word...occurrence of a word in the text's title might be counted as a 3-fold or more generally k-fold occurrence...). Examiner reads: replaced by a collection of ..., and ...k-fold occurrence ..., which could be interpreted as the claimed "*recreating...*", and "*repeating...*".

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein recreating weighted document term-frequency vector in accordance with deleting and eliminating; and selectively repeating the process. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication

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network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e... The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 3, *"selectively repeating is terminated when a predetermined number of sentences has been selected"*, as taught by '195 at col. 13, line 40 through col. 14, line 35 (i.e.... textual and associative attributes ... for information retrieval purposes they can be decomposed into smaller, simpler numeric attributes... In particular, a textual attribute, such as the full text of a movie review, can be replaced by a collection of numeric attributes that represent scores to denote the presence and significance of the words ... score is often called the "term frequency" (TF) of the word... occurrence of a word in the text's title might be counted as a 3-fold or more generally k-fold occurrence... break the text into overlapping word bigrams (sequences of 2 adjacent words), or more generally, word n-grams. ... Conceptually speaking, in the character 5-gram case, the textual attribute would be decomposed into at least $26^{sup.5} = 11,881,376$ numeric attributes), also as taught by '195 at col. 70, lines 40-60 (i.e.... The user first chooses one of the highest level (largest) clusters from a menu, and is presented with a menu listing the subclusters of said cluster ... This process is repeated until the user comes to a leaf of the tree...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein selectively repeating is terminated when a predetermined number of sentences has been selected. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 4, *"calculating an inner product of said weighted sentence term-frequency vector and said weighted document term-frequency vector"*, however, as taught by '195 at col. 15, line 45 through col. 16, line 45 (i.e.... value V may be decomposed as described above into a collection of real numbers, representing the association scores between the target object in question and various ancillary objects. V may therefore be regarded as a vector with components $V_{sub.1}$, $V_{sub.2}$, $V_{sub.3}$, etc., representing the association scores between the object and ancillary objects 1, 2, 3, etc., respectively. The distance between two vector values V and U of an associative attribute is then computed using the angle distance measure, $\arccos(VU_{sup.t} / \sqrt{(Vv_{sup.t})(UU_{sup.t})})$. (Note that the three inner products in this

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expression have the form $XY_{sup.t} = X_{sub.1} Y_{sub.1} + X_{sub.2} Y_{sub.2} + X_{sub.3} Y_{sub.3} + \dots$, and that for efficient computation, terms of the form $X_{sub.i} Y_{sub.i}$ may be omitted from this sum if either of the scores $X_{sub.i}$ and $Y_{sub.i}$ is zero.) ...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein calculating an inner product of said weighted sentence term-frequency vector and said weighted document term-frequency vector. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 5, *"creating a weighted sentence term-frequency vector comprises implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function"*, as taught by '195 at col. 60, lines 35-55 (i.e.... global request messages, step 4 eventually causes all core servers for topic C_k to act on request R and therefore store a local copy of file F ... it also computes and stores the weight $w(S_i$,

C.sub.F), where C.sub.F is a cluster consisting of the single target object associated with file F ...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein creating a weighted sentence term-frequency vector comprises implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 6, "creating a weighted sentence term-frequency vector comprises normalizing each said weighted sentence term-frequency vector", as taught by '825 at col. 5, lines 10-250 (i.e.... when the document collection is a dynamically changing document collection, the subspace is updated as the document collection changes...new documents, constructing a new term frequency matrix, statistically transforming the term frequencies in the same way that the initial document collection was transformed, projecting the term frequency matrix on the term subspace,

computing the residual, augmenting the term subspace with the normalized residual, expanding the document subspace, and re-identifying significant features in the subspace...).

In regard to dependent claim 7, *"creating a weighted document term-frequency vector comprises implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function"*, as taught by '195 at col. 60, lines 35-55 (i.e.... global request messages, step 4 eventually causes all core servers for topic C_k to act on request R and therefore store a local copy of file F... it also computes and stores the weight $w(S_i, C_{sub.F})$, where C_{sub.F} is a cluster consisting of the single target object associated with file F ...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein creating a weighted document term-frequency vector comprises implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e... The ability to measure the similarity

of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 8, *"creating a weighted document term-frequency vector comprises normalizing each said weighted document term-frequency vector"*, as taught by '825 at col. 5, lines 10-250 (i.e.... when the document collection is a dynamically changing document collection, the subspace is updated as the document collection changes...new documents, constructing a new term frequency matrix, statistically transforming the term frequencies in the same way that the initial document collection was transformed, projecting the term frequency matrix on the term subspace, computing the residual, augmenting the term subspace with the normalized residual, expanding the document subspace, and re-identifying significant features in the subspace...).

In regard to dependent claims 10, is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claim 2 and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 11, is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claims 2-3 and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 12, is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claim 3 and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 13, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claims 1-3 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 14, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 2 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 15, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 3 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 16, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 4 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 17, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 5 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 18, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 6 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 19, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 7 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claim 20, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claim 8 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 21, *"selecting a sentence for inclusion in said generic text summary in accordance with said ranking"*, as taught by '825 at col. 5, lines 45-55 (i.e.... document summarization can be performed for an individual document, i.e., a few words or terms summarizing the contents of a document or indicating its topical affiliations, can be provided by: projecting the document into a subspace; projecting the document projection back into a term space; identifying a plurality of terms with the largest entries; and returning the identified terms as the document summarization...).

'825 does not explicitly teach, *"constructing a terms-by-sentences matrix for said document; performing singular value decomposition on said terms-by-sentences matrix*

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to obtain a singular value matrix and a right singular vector matrix, wherein each sentence in said document is represented by a column vector of a transpose of said right singular vector matrix; ranking each right singular vector in said right singular vector matrix", however, as taught by '195 at col. 16, lines 40-65 (i.e.... the matrix A is the dimensionality-reducing linear transformation (or an approximation thereto) determined by collecting the vector values of the textual attribute, for all target objects known to the system, and applying singular value decomposition to the resulting collection. The same approach can be applied to the vector values of associative attributes. The above definitions allow us to determine how close together two target objects are with respect to a single attribute, whether numeric, associative, or textual. The distance between two target objects X and Y with respect to their entire multi-attribute profiles P.sub.X and P.sub.Y is then denoted d(X,Y) or d(P.sub.X, P.sub.Y) and defined as: ... (((distance with respect to attribute a)(weight of attribute a)).sup.k + ((distance with respect to attribute b)(weight of attribute b)).sup.k + ((distance with respect to attribute c)(weight of attribute c)).sup.k + . . .).sup.k...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein constructing a terms-by-sentences matrix for a document; performing singular value decomposition on said terms-by-sentences matrix to obtain a singular value matrix and a right singular vector matrix, wherein each sentence in the document is represented by a column vector of a transpose of said right singular vector matrix; ranking each right singular vector in said right singular vector matrix. One of ordinary

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skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e... The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 22, "*repeating said selecting*", as taught by '195 at col. 70, lines 40-60 (i.e.... The user first chooses one of the highest level (largest) clusters from a menu, and is presented with a menu listing the subclusters of said cluster ... This process is repeated until the user comes to a leaf of the tree...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein creating a generic text summary of a document; said method comprising repeating said selecting. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to

the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 23, "*repeating is terminated when a predetermined number of sentences has been selected*", as taught by '195 at col. 13, line 40 through col. 14, line 35 (i.e.... textual and associative attributes ... for information retrieval purposes they can be decomposed into smaller, simpler numeric attributes... In particular, a textual attribute, such as the full text of a movie review, can be replaced by a collection of numeric attributes that represent scores to denote the presence and significance of the words ... score is often called the "term frequency" (TF) of the word...occurrence of a word in the text's title might be counted as a 3-fold or more generally k-fold occurrence... break the text into overlapping word bigrams (sequences of 2 adjacent words), or more generally, word n-grams. ...Conceptually speaking, in the character 5-gram case, the textual attribute would be decomposed into at least $26^{sup.5} = 11,881,376$ numeric attributes) also as taught by '195 at col. 70, lines 40-60 (i.e.... The user first chooses one of the highest level (largest) clusters from a menu, and is presented with a menu listing the subclusters of said cluster ... This process is repeated until the user comes to a leaf of the tree...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein selectively repeating is terminated when a predetermined number of sentences has been selected. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated

to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 24, *"wherein said selecting further comprises identifying a sentence having a desired index value with said right singular vector"*, however, as taught by '195 at col. 15, line 45 through col. 16, line 45 (i.e.... value V may be decomposed as described above into a collection of real numbers, representing the association scores between the target object in question and various ancillary objects. V may therefore be regarded as a vector with components $V_{\text{sub.1}}$, $V_{\text{sub.2}}$, $V_{\text{sub.3}}$, etc., representing the association scores between the object and ancillary objects 1, 2, 3, etc., respectively. The distance between two vector values V and U of an associative attribute is then computed using the angle distance measure, $\arccos(VU_{\text{sup.t}}/\sqrt{(Vv_{\text{sup.t}})(UU_{\text{sup.t}})})$. (Note that the three inner products in this expression have the form $XY_{\text{sup.t}} = X_{\text{sub.1}} Y_{\text{sub.1}} + X_{\text{sub.2}} Y_{\text{sub.2}} + X_{\text{sub.3}} Y_{\text{sub.3}} + \dots$, and that for efficient computation, terms of the form $X_{\text{sub.i}} Y_{\text{sub.i}}$ may be omitted from this sum if either of the scores $X_{\text{sub.i}}$ and $Y_{\text{sub.i}}$ is zero.) ...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein calculating an inner product of said weighted sentence term-frequency vector and said weighted document term-frequency vector. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to dependent claim 25, *"wherein said constructing comprises implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function"*, as taught by '195 at col. 60, lines 35-55 (i.e.... global request messages, step 4 eventually causes all core servers for topic C_k to act on request R and therefore store a local copy of file F... it also computes and stores the weight $w(S_i, C_{sub.F})$, where C_{sub.F} is a cluster consisting of the single target object associated with file F ...).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified '195 into '825 to provide a way to include the feature, wherein creating a weighted sentence term-frequency vector comprises

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implementing a local weighting function and implementing a global weighting function.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to provides users the ability for filtering, browsing and for pre-caching of data at locations on the data communication network and at times that minimize the traffic flow in the communication network to thereby efficiently provide the desired information to the user and/or conserve valuable storage space by only storing those target objects (or segments thereof) which are relevant to the user's interests, as taught by '195 at col. 7, line 50 through col. 8, line 50 (i.e...The ability to measure the similarity of profiles describing target objects and a user's interests can be applied in two basic ways: filtering and browsing...).

In regard to independent claim 26, is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claim 1, 21 and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 27-28 consecutively, are directed to a computer system for performing the method of claims 22-23 consecutively and are similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to independent claim 29, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claims 13, 21 above, and is similarly rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 30-32 consecutively, incorporate substantially similar subject matter as cited in claims 23-25 consecutively, and are similarly rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Escobar et al USPAT- 5,826,102 issued 10/20/1998 filed 09/23/1996

Boezeman et al USPAT- 5,758,093 issued 05/26/1998 filed 03/29/1996

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc A. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-8781, **"After Oct 20, 2004, the examiner can be reach at (571) 272- 4103"**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph H. Feild can be reached on (703) 305-9792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.


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